

THE MASTER MIND

Novelized by
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of "Within the Law,"
from the suc-
cessful play by
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SYNOPSIS.

Henry Allen, a young married man, is sentenced to be executed for killing the man who won the affections of Allen's wife. Allen's brother, Andrew, known to the criminal world as "The Master Mind," determines to save his brother. He writes the district attorney that he will send him white, red and black blank suits, indicating the progress of his plans for revenge.

Andrew discovers that the district attorney who convicted Henry is in love with an orphan girl who once saved his life. The district attorney, Wainwright, has been searching for this girl, but cannot find her.

Andrew finds the girl and after conspiring to send her to prison gets her released. He then educates her.

(Continued from Last Week.)
Katie in his apartment again. Wainwright sat long over a cigar, pondering the events of the night. It seemed clear enough to him that the communication requesting a meeting in Chelsea square had been only a ruse to secure his presence where he might be murdered at leisure.

Wainwright rose at last and went into his bedroom. There sounded the tinkling of the telephone bell. He put the receiver to his ear. At once a voice came clearly:

"Is this Mr. Wainwright?"
"Then when he had answered in the af-



"Young chap named Walter Blount."

firmative: "Well, I called you up about that shooting business down at Tenth avenue tonight. You understand?"

"Who is this?" Wainwright demanded.

"Oh, who I am don't cut any ice! I just happened to be in the crowd there, and I heard you asking the cop about the guy that buttoned in and let you out. I got a line on that guy, and so I thought I'd put you wise."

"Who was he?"

"Young chap named Walter Blount from somewhere out west. He's staying in the city, though—got a house. The address is 21A East Thirty-third street. That's all. Good night."

"But wait! Tell me," Wainwright began hurriedly. His appeal was useless. There came no response.

CHAPTER IV.

A Family Made to Order.

WILLIAM SLOOMBER, alias Diamond Willie, alias Walter Blount, sat in the library of the house of which he was theoretically master and sought to divert his tedium by playing Canfield solitaire. Nominally he was indeed the head of the house, which had been taken in his name for the season, and he was about to entertain them, his putative parents, come on a visit from their home in Laramie, Wyo. As a matter of fact, however, Walter was a puppet in the hands of the man who was serving him as butler. That ingenious individual, by name Andrew Allen, had decided that this particular bluff would fit admirably into his scheme. The accomplishment of his design was not difficult, since at just this time Walter was closely pursued by the Pinkertons for a recent offense against the law, and the offer of an asylum was welcome.

Andrew had maintained so much secrecy as to the nature of his plans that Walter's curiosity was provoked, and this soon drove him to dissatisfaction with the situation, in which he quite forgot his first relief over securing a safe refuge from danger. Instead he grew fretful over the dull routine of days and nights. He was dishonest by nature, a thief by choice. His slightly pronounced jaw showed merely moral degeneracy, not firmness of will. At twenty-five years of age he was a thorough-paced scoundrel, willing for any crime, but incompetent. Nevertheless as yet his evil nature was not

remember. Diamond, the next time I have occasion to call you Diamond Willie a Pinkerton will tap you on the shoulder."

Under the taunt the fickle mood of the youth flared in a new gust of rage. "Say," he cried viciously, "who the— are you, anyhow?"

Instantly the Master Mind assumed the respectful demeanor of the faithful family retainer.

"Why, sir," he said gently, "I'm your confidential man and valet and butler, you know, sir. Why, Master Walter, I have served your father for many years."

This reference diverted the victim's attention again to the general subject of his grievance over enforced ignorance.

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Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GRATIOT.
In Chancery.
William E. Hendricks, Complainant,
vs.
William Finley, Jr., or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, Thomas G. H. Henderson, or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, and the unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns of James Fraser, deceased, and the wife, if any, of Ephraim S. Williams, Defendants.

At a regular session of said court held in the Court House in the village of Ithaca, in said county, on the 8th day of April A. D. 1915:
PRESENT THE HON. KELLY S. SEARL, Circuit Judge.

William E. Hendricks, the above named complainant, having filed in said court a duly verified bill of complaint against the above named and unnamed defendants, and which said bill is brought to quiet and remove clouds from the title to land described as the south west quarter of the south west quarter of section thirty-four, in township eleven north of range two west, Michigan, and the north east quarter of the north east quarter of section four in township ten north of range two west, Michigan, and

It is further ordered that within twenty days after the date of this order the complainant cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six successive weeks, or that a copy of this order be personally served on each of said defendants at least twenty days before the time prescribed herein for their appearance.

Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.

Counter-signed:
Belle Jenne, Clerk of Probate.
1883-74

STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GRATIOT

Estate of Henry C. Worden Heirs Claiming a Part of the Estate of Henry C. Worden, deceased. In the matter of the estate of Henry C. Worden, deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to probate and Mary A. Billings of Temple, Michigan appointed Administratrix thereof. It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Friday, the 13th day of August, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of August, next in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county.

J. Lee Potts, Judge of Probate.
A true copy. Belle Jenne, Clerk of Probate.
1883-41

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GRATIOT.
In Chancery.

Jothan Allen and Marshall R. Allen, Complainants,
vs.
Luther Smith or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, Charles R. Bone, or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, Roger W. Butterfield, or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, and the unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns of James Fraser, deceased, and the wife, if any, of Ephraim S. Williams, Defendants.

At a regular session of said court held in the Court House, in the village of Ithaca, in said county, on the 10th day of April A. D. 1915:
Present the Hon. Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.

Jothan Allen and Marshall R. Allen, the above named Complainants, having filed in said court a duly verified bill of complaint against the above named and unnamed defendants, and which said bill is brought to quiet and remove clouds from the title to land described as the south west quarter of the south west quarter of section thirty-four, in township eleven north of range two west, Michigan, and the north east quarter of the north east quarter of section four in township ten north of range two west, Michigan, and

It is further ordered that within twenty days after the date of this order the complainant cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six successive weeks, or that a copy of this order be personally served on each of said defendants at least twenty days before the time prescribed herein for their appearance.

Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.

Counter-signed:
Belle Jenne, Clerk of Probate.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GRATIOT.
In Chancery.

Jefferson P. Gulick, Complainant,
vs.
The unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns of John Deeter, deceased.

At a regular session of said court held in the Court House, in the village of Ithaca, in said county, on the 10th day of April A. D. 1915:
PRESENT THE HON. KELLY S. SEARL, Circuit Judge.

Jefferson P. Gulick, the above named complainant, having filed in said court a duly verified bill of complaint against the above named and unnamed defendants, and which said bill is brought to quiet and remove clouds from the title to land described as the south west quarter of the south west quarter of section thirty-four, in township eleven north of range two west, Michigan, and

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